Nationial Telecom Policy

1041. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state what are the targets achieved with regard to National Telecom Policy as on date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): The target and achivement as on date with regard to National Telecom Policy is at statement given below.

Statement

Target and Achievement as on Date with Regard to National Telecom Policy.

Target	Achievement
(a) Telephone should be available on demand by 1997.	6, 168 Milliion telephones have been provided during 1st 4 years of the 8th Five Year Plan i.e. upto 31.3.96. It is planned to provide another 2,45 million telephones during 96-97 thus totalling to 8.618 million telephones. This does not include telephones likely to be provided by private sector.
(b) All villages should be covered by 1997.	Out of 604925 villages 216632 villages have been covered upto 31.3.96. Another 75000 villages will be covered during 1996-97.
(c) In the urban areas a PCO should be provided for every 500 persons by 1997.	As on 31.3.96 a total of 280650 Public Telephones have been installed. Another 125000 Public Telephones will be provided during 1996-97. By March 1997 one PCO for every 600 persons (average) in urban areas is likely to be provided.
(d) With a view to supplement the effort of the Deptt. of Telecom in providing telecommunication services to the people, companies registered in India were to be allowed to participate in the expansion of telecommunication network in the area of basic telephone services also.	In pursuance of the Policy, Letters of Intent have been issued to private operators for providing Basic Telephone Service for 10 Circles as per details given in Statement-I below.
(e) In order to achieve standards comparable to the international facilities, the subsector of value added services was opened up to private investment in July 1992. In respect of Electronic Mail, Voice Mail, Data Services, Audio Text Services and Video Text Services and Video Conferencing, Companies registered in India are permitted to operate under licence on non-exclusive basis. In view of the constraints on the number of companies that can be allowed to operate in the area of Radio Paging and Cellular Mobile Telephone Services, however a policy of selection is being followed in grant of licences through a system of tendering.	The Cellular Mobile Telephone Service is available in Four Metro cities i.e. Delhi, Calcutta, Bombay and Madras by two private operators in each city. Further the tenders were invited for operating Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in each Territorial Telecom Circle. 27 licences for operating Cellular Mobile Telephone Service in 18 Circles out of 20 Circles have already been issued. Licenses have also been given for Radio paging Service in 27 cities and 19 territorial Telecom Circles. The Radio Paging Service is available in all the 27 major cities of the country having a population of more than one million. Licences have also been awarded for operation of Public Mobile Radio Trunked Service, E- Mail, 64 Kbps V-PAT, Voice Mail, etc. The details of these licences are given in Statement-II.

Statement-I

Name of the Bidder	Name of the Circle for which LoI Issued	Date of issue of LoI
M/s Basic Teleservices Ltd.	Tamil Nadu	13.03.96
M/s HFCL BEZEQE Telecom Ltd.	Delhi, U.P. (West), Haryana and Orissa	04.03.96
M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	Andhra Pradesh	13.03.96
M/s Techno Telecom Ltd.	Bihar	13.03.96
M/s Essar Commvision	Punjab	13.03.96
M/s Reliance Telecom	Gujarat	13.03.96
M/s Hughes Ispat Ltd.	Maharashtra	19.03.96

Statement-II

S.No.	Name of Value Added Service	No. of Licences issued	No. of Licensees who have commenced the Service
1.	Cellular Mobile Telephone Service		
	(a) Metro-cities	8	8
	(b) Territorial Telecom Circles	27	Nil
2.	Radio Paging Service		
	(a) 27 cities	95	68
	(b) Territorial Telecom Circles	31	Nil
3.	Public Mobile Radio Trunked Service	190	Nil
4.	E-Mail (including EDI, File transfer, Protocol conversion, Fax Mail, etc.)	13	9
5.	Voice Mail including Audiotex	29	1
6.	Credit Card Authorisation	Nil	Nil
7.	64 KBPs Data (CUG) Service using V-SATS	13	5
8.	Video Conf	Nil	Nil
9.	Fax broadcast Data Broadcast	Nil	Nil

Modernisation of Irrigation Projects in Orissa

1042. SHRI SANATAN BISI : Will the Miniser of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the on-going irrigation projects including the modernisation of irrigation system in Orissa; and

(b) the details of achievement by the end of 1995?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) A Statement giving details of ongoing Major and Medium Irrigation Projects including the modernisation of irrigation system in Orissa is attached.